

# BE CAREFUL OR GEORGETOWN'S "NASTY NINE" WILL GET YOU

"If you're going to drink at these seasonal parties get somebody else to drive the car," Chief Roy Haley said Tuesday in launching a crackdown against the annual plague of impaired drivers that accompanies the holiday festivities.

"We dread this time of year," he told the Herald. "It's the most dangerous season for motorists and pedestrians, but it doesn't have to be that way."

He said that 5 o'clock darkness, sudden changes in driving conditions and motorists who insist on driving after they've partied a little too much all hit head-on during the latter part of December and the result is usually horrible and unnecessary.

"Drive with more caution than you think needed and chances are you'll get into January without a scratch," he said. "And be especially careful in the vicinity of Georgetown's 'Nasty Nine'."

In 'Nasty Nine' Chief Haley was referring to the 9 inter-sections where accidents most frequently happen.

The River Drive - Mountainview Road corner heads the list of the town's danger spots which are (with number of accidents at each this year):

- River Dr. - Mountainview St. 7
- Water St. - Guelph St. 5
- Delrex Bl. - Guelph St. 4
- GA Plaza - Guelph St. 4
- Mountainview - Guelph St. 4
- Maple Ave. - Guelph St. 3
- Queen St. - McNabb St. 3
- Mountainview at Hungry Hol. 4

The balance of the 106 accidents on Georgetown's streets in 1963 are scattered throughout the rest of the town with no other real concentrations. The rate is up from last year at this time when police investigated 93 reportable motor vehicle accidents.

A wide contrast is shown in the property damage during the month of November this year and November last year. In the vicinity of Georgetown's 1962 property damage during the first month of early darkness was \$425 from 3 accidents. This year November produced 14 accidents and \$8,420 damage.



Chief Roy Haley points to one of the danger spots. Seven people were injured in month seven more than during accidents during the past the same period last year.

## Confounds Geologists, Seynuk Proves Oil, Gas Plentiful Here

Work on hooking a series of more gas wells and an oil natural gas well near here in- ducing well. After this came Hornby where he brought in was completed Monday by An- thony Gas and Oil Explora- tion producing well - all with good yields.

The hook-up involved a se- ries of gas wells in the 9th Line of Esquesing-town line area near Hornby.

Work on the team started three weeks ago. The last length of 3" pipe was laid at about 3 o'clock Monday. The Consumer Gas man it tied in to runs between Hamilton and Brampton.

A gang of ten men under Anthony Gas president Tony Seynuk worked on the project which involved digging a trench about 24 inches deep across almost three miles of fields.

The hook-up completes an other chapter in the success story of a man who wouldn't listen to geologists when they told him this area was not worth tapping.

"If I had listened to the geologists nine years ago I would still be dreaming instead of acting," Tony said. "Anthony Gas and Oil is now proving the Georgetown area to be one of the largest oil and natural gas fields in Southern Ontario."

He currently has more than 13,000 acres under lease for exploration and several more hundreds of acres are at his disposal for the same purpose.

With his own and borrowed money he started drilling in 1954 on land west of Stewart- town. Success was not immedi- ate but at last he struck a rich vein at the 2,100 foot level which yielded about 300,000 cubic feet daily. This well is still supplying the town of Ac- ton and will do so. Tony pre- dicts for the next 60 years.

Next he moved his costly equipment to Spryside and succeeded in bringing in 14

## Herald Staffer's Father Licences Still at Succumbs, Heart Attack Local Town Office Obtain Drivers

A resident of Thornbury all his life, Harold James Gilson, 57, died suddenly last Wednes- day night, December 4th, suc- cumbing to a coronary at his home.

His son, Myles, a member of The Herald staff, lives in town at 1 Sarah Street.

Mr. Gilson was a butcher and cattle drover and later an apple grower. He had been convalescing from serious in- juries received in an auto ac- cident two years ago. He was a member of St. Paul's Pres- byterian Church.

Mr. Gilson leaves his wife Elsie Myles, his son Myles E. and granddaughters Lynn Le- ame and Laverne of Geor- getown, sisters Florence (Mrs. E. Padgham) Oil Springs, Mrs. Eva Gervais, Wauwashta, and Mrs. Mae Menneras, Thornbury and a brother, Alfred, of Thornbury. He was predeceas- ed by a sister, Emma.

Rev. J. J. Jennings conducted the funeral service on Satur- day at the D. J. Davidson Fu- neral Home, Thornbury, with interment following in Union Cemetery. Pallbearers were Arthur Longhead and Bruce Morrison, Thornbury; Bruce Wolmer, Collingwood; Wesley Wheeler, Clarkburg; William Lemm, Markdale and Clifford Henry, Durham.

Mrs. F. Morette, ankle competitor, Mrs. T. Slater, spot prizes, Mr. and Mrs. E. Madson, special prize, Mrs. F. Morette, euchre prizes, Mr. and Mrs. T. Slater, special prize, Vittorio Seco.

## George Stringer Hosts Town Employees Party

Town employees partied at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Stringer, R.R. 2, Georgetown on Saturday night.

A number of games and competitions were held and winners were guessing compe-

## Carols, Christmas Play Planned at High School

Fred Roberts

This Friday evening at 8:00 p.m., the annual Christmas concert will be presented by the students and staff of the Geor- getown District High School.

The Drama Club, under the direction of Mr. M. Peleschack, will present "Star Song," a Christmas play in one act, by Florence Ryerson and presented by special permission of Samuel French. "Star Song" is a touching, dramatic and colorful play which tells the story of what happened in a small, crowded inn on the road to Bethlehem that starlit winter night many centuries ago.

The Senior and Dance Bands and Senior and Junior Chorus will present some well known and not so well known songs under the direction of Dr. Wil- son.

Included in the tunes to be played by the Senior band are "Waltz from the Ballet - Parisienne" by Offenbach, "Spirit of Christmas" by Frank and ex- cerpts from the musical score of "King and I" by Richard Rod- gers.

The Senior Choir will do sev- eral international carols as well as the charity - "What Shall We Do With a Drunken Sailor." Along with selections by the Junior Choir and the Dance Band, will be a "Happy Holiday Hootenanny," a series of Christ- mas Carols in which the au- dience will be asked to join in. There will be a nominal admis- sion charge.

## SEASONS GREETINGS To All

MY THANKS to the Electors who supported me in the Esquesing School Board election.

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## Disagrees With Judge's Church, Divorce Remarks

The Georgetown Herald.

Dear Sir:

Recent newspaper accounts have indicated that a learned judge of Halton County criticized the Church for not allowing a divorced person to become a member. He is quoted as saying: "They will take your money, but will not let you become a member, because you are divorced."

As I was present at the trial I can verify that this statement was made. Unfortunately I was not in a position to refute the judge's statements without danger of being held in contempt.

But as the minister of St. John's United Church, Georgetown, I would like it to be clearly understood, that any divorced person may become a member of the United Church, providing they manifest a sincere interest and a good confession of faith in Jesus Christ.

Considering the fact that my two sons were key witnesses in the trial for the Crown, I protest that the Judge's comments were unfair, ill-advised and prejudiced and lacking in adequate knowledge of the true facts.

Yours sincerely,

IAN M. FLEMING,  
Minister, St. John's United Church.

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